**XIII. Read Frisby pages 195-205**

**In the chapter, “Escape”, (especially on pages 196 and 197) Mrs. Frisby spends quite a bit of time thinking about the rats. Why does Mrs. Frisby want to escape and do? What does this say about her character? What does she say about the rats and their plan? What message does the author want to give us about goodness and bravery and intelligence and civilizations?**

**Mrs. Frisby wants to escape because, she wants to warn Justin and Nicodemus about the exterminator, and she wants to make sure that her children are doing all right, and the house is getting moved. This shows that her character isn’t selfish, or not persistent. She isn’t giving up, and she isn’t going to not tell the rats about the exterminator and worry about her own problems first. She said that the rats’ plan was a brave, intelligent, and honest one. She thought that it was right and good that they wanted to start from scratch and not steal, unlike Jenner and the six others. The message that the author wants to give us, is that you need goodness, and intelligence, and bravery to form a self-sufficient civilization on its own. They are all parts that are needed to form a civilization, because they are the nature of the civilization.**

**During the last five pages of the chapter, we see the rats actually moving Mrs. Frisby’s house. What do they do? How do they do it? In what ways do they show specialization of labor? In what ways do they show intelligence? Resourcefulness? Cooperation? According to the author, what does it mean to be truly civilized?**

**They use pulleys, ropes, wheeled carts, and shovels to move Mrs. Frisby’s house. First they dug up her house. Next, they pulled it out of the hole. Then, they moved it onto a wheeled cart and pulled it over to the new hole, then they used the pulleys and lowered it back into the new hole. They show specialization of labor because they all are doing different jobs to move Mrs. Frisby’s house. They show intelligence by using machines and an order to move Mrs. Frisby’s house. They show resourcefulness and cooperation when they work together, using their machines to move the house. To the author, to be truly civilized, you must be intelligent, and be able to work together, and be able to specialize.**